

Research in Rare Books and Manuscripts

1. Define your topic.

Start your archival research with a sentence or two about your topic.

Example: "I'm researching the Civil War, specifically the 75th Regiment of Indiana and their history..."

2. Do preliminary research on your topic.

- Search our online catalog, Evergreen for resources on your topic:
<http://evergreen.lib.in.us/eg/opac/home>.

(Tip: Limit search to the Indiana State Library)

- Browse finding aids on the website:

Example: To research the 75th Indiana Infantry Regiment and their history, start with the Manuscripts Catalog: <https://archives.isl.lib.in.us/>.

3. Visit Rare Books and Manuscripts.

We're open Monday thru Friday: 8:00am – 4:30pm; Thursday: 8:00am – 7:00pm; Second Saturday Monthly: 10:00am – 4:00pm; Sunday: Closed. The reading room closes 15 minutes prior to the library's hours.

You can call us at (317) 232-3671 or "Ask a Librarian:" <http://www.in.gov/library/ask.htm>.

4. Bookmark these resources.

Rare Books and Manuscripts:

<http://www.in.gov/library/manuscripts.htm>

Finding aids, collection guides, donation information and related resources.

Indiana State Library Digital Collections:

<http://digitalcollections.library.in.gov/>

Encounter the past through an ever growing number of digitized items from the Indiana State Library's collection.

Evergreen:

<http://evergreen.lib.in.us/eg/opac/home>

Evergreen Indiana is a growing consortium of over 100 public, school, and institutional libraries using a comprehensive, online database to search collections across the state.